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1. WE HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM CONSULTATIONS WITH SC PRESIDENT ON LATEST DRAFT (BEING SENT BY SEPTEL) OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS. SC PRESIDENT SAID THIS WAS FURTHER WATERED DOWN DRAFT FROM THAT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL AND REPRESENTED DESIRE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT PROGRESS BEING MADE IN GENEVA TALKS. HE HAD JUST FINISHED CONSULTING WITH NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS. NINE OF TEN HAD ACCEPTED DRAFT, WITH ONLY BYELORUSSIA UNABLE TO AGREE.

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- 2. I TOOK STRONGEST POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE
 UNTIMELY FOR SC TO MEET AT ALL THIS AFTERNOON WHEN
 REPORTS INDICATED THAT GENEVA NEGOTIATIONS WERE AT
 CRITICAL AND HOPEFULLY FINAL STAGE. SINCE WE DID NOT
 BELIEVE A MEETING SHOULD BE HELD, THERE WAS NO POINT
 IN DISCUSSING LANGUAGE OF RESOLUTION. OBVIOUSLY
 LANGUAGE TO EFFECT THAT CYPRUS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN
 "ALL NEGOTIATIONS" WOULD MAKE PROBLEMS FOR US BUT
 I DID NOT WANT TO GET INTO DETAILS OF LANGUAGE AT THIS STAGE.
 COUNCIL MUST WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE WORD FROM GENEVA AND,
 IN EVENT OF SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT THERE BY THE PARTIES,
 DRAFT UNDER DISCUSSION HERE WOULD BECOME MOOT AND THERE
 WOULD BE NO NEED FOR ANY RESOLUTION AT ALL BY SC.
- 3. SC PRESIDENT WAS AMENABLE TO THIS LOGIC BUT SAID
 HE THOUGHT MANY NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
 WOULD WANT TO HAVE SOME FORM OF RESOLUTION. HE STRESSED
 STRONG FEELING ON PART OF NON-PERMANENT MEMBERS
 INCLUDING EUROPEANS THAT CYPRUS SHOULD BE INCLUDED
 IN FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS. AS WE HAD DISCUSSED YESTERDAY,
 PEREZ POINTED OUT THAT PROPOSED LANGUAGE WAS VERY
 AMBIGUOUS ON WHO WOULD REPRESENT CYPRUS AND HOW IT
 WOULD PARTICIPATE.
- 4. SECRETARY GENERAL TELEPHONED SC PRESIDENT DURING CONVERSATION TO RELAY NEWS THAT SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT SEEMED LIKELY IN GENEVA SOMETIME LATER TODAY AND THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSMITTED TO SYG. HE WOULD THEN WANT TO HAVE AN SC MEETING SO THAT COUNCIL COULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION WITH RESPECT TO AGREEMENT AND FUTURE ROLE OF UNFICYP. PEREZ AGREED THAT HE WOULD AWAIT FURTHER WORD FROM GENEVA BEFORE CALLING MEETING. BENNETT

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